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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: Board of Electrical Examiners

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: September 2, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Daniel Creedon, President, Professional Member Thomas Hartley, Board Secretary, Professional Member Robert MacLennan, Complaint Officer, Professional Member Nathan Schreppler, Public Member Michael Travers, Continued Education, Professional Member Richard Millar, Public Member

ABSENT

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Kevin Maloney, Deputy Attorney General Maggie Strauss, Administrative Specialist II

OTHERS PRESENT

Chester Kelly Stefan Thomas
Frank Tyler James Nutter
Kim Willson Jean Elliott

Kyle Octavio

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Creedon called the meeting to order at 0900.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, seconded by Mr. Schreppler, to approve the meeting minutes from June 3, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ReReview of Applications

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, seconded by Mr. Travers to approve the applications of Sean McGinley – Master, Brian Russell – Master, Ian J. Alpirez – Master and James Ciafardo to sit for their respective exams. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposal to Deny Hearing – Kyle Octavio

Mr. Maloney called the hearing to order at 0901a and stated that today's hearing was a result of the Boards proposal to deny the application of Kyle Octavio. He admitted as Board exhibit #1 the application and supporting documents as well as all correspondence in the matter. Mr. Octavio stated that he was ready to proceed sans attorney and was sworn in by Mr. Maloney at 0903a.

Mr. Arters, a witness on behalf of Mr. Octavio, began his testimony by stating that he is an instructor at DE Skills Center where Mr. Octavio is a student. He went on to further state that Mr. Octavio is an excellent student; he has not missed a day of class, has excelled at Electrical Level I and has maintained a 97% GPA. Mr. Arters said he was aware of Mr. Octavio's past, but he encouraged him to continue on the right path, and he has already enrolled in Electrical II for the upcoming semester. Mr. Arters thanked the Board for their time & consideration. Mr. Octavio was sworn in and began his testimony by stating that his past was a result of getting mixed in with the wrong crowd. He admitted to making bad choices which resulted in his convictions, but stated he has since tried to turn his life around. He voluntarily attends weekly support groups for his past issues.

The Board went into deliberations at 0907; Mr. Maloney asked the Board to notice the statute, specifically §1408(a)(10)(a) and stated that there is no provision for the Board to grant a waiver for convictions less than 5 years old. Mr. Hartley suggested he continue his schooling and reapply in.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, seconded by Mr. Schreppler to deny the application of Kyle Octavio in accordance with §1408(a)(10)a. The motion carried unanimously. The hearing adjourned and went off record at 0914a. Verbatim testimony is available via audio recording.

<u>Proposal to Deny Hearing – Stefan Thomas</u>

Mr. Maloney called the hearing to order at 0915 and stated that today's hearing was a result of the Boards proposal to deny the application of Stefan Thomas. He admitted as Board exhibit #1 the application and supporting documents as well as all correspondence in the matter. Mr. Thomas stated that he was ready to proceed sans attorney and was sworn in by Mr. Maloney at 0903a.

Mr. Arters, a witness on behalf of Mr. Thomas, began his testimony by stating that he is an instructor at DE Skills Center where Mr. Thomas is a student. He went on to further state that Mr. Thomas is an excellent student; he has not missed a day of class, has excelled at Electrical Level I and has maintained a 90% GPA. Mr. Arters said he was aware of Mr. Thomas's past, but he encouraged him to continue on the right path, and he has already enrolled in Electrical II for the upcoming semester. Mr. Arters thanked the Board for their time & consideration. Mr. Thomas started his testimony by stating that his conviction in 1996 was a result of working 3rd shift at the time. He had a hard time staying awake and was making long-distance phone calls to help with the long night. He has since paid all costs associated with the convictions and is not on probation at this time.

Deliberations began at 0922. The Board was in agreement that since the time that has lapsed, Mr. Thomas should be afforded a waiver.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, seconded by Mr. Schreppler to grant a waiver to Mr. Thomas and approve his apprentice electrician application. The motion carried unanimously.

The hearing adjourned and went off record at 0914a. Verbatim testimony is available via audio recording

<u>Proposed Regulation Changes – Final Order</u>

Mr. Maloney reviewed the proposed regulation changes with the Board and confirmed with Ms. Strauss that no comments were received within the allowable time period. Once signed by members of the Board, the regulations would be published in the August 1, 2015 register and become effective August 10, 2015. The Final Order was signed by all members of the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Examination Applications

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, seconded by Mr. Travers to approve the following applicants to sit for their respective exams: Mark W. Bobb – Master, DaShawn Smith – JP, Benjamin K. Cochran – Master, Brent Greenfield – Master, Enrique G. Lujan-Flores – Limited Timothy Bowman II – JP and Jason Perry – Master. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Reciprocity Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Schreppler, seconded by Mr. Travers to approve the reciprocity applications of John Livingston – Master, Christopher Burger – Master and Nathan Hartman – Master. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Schreppler, seconded by Mr. Travers to propose to deny the reciprocity applications of Brian Martin and Alfred Aus for lack of experience post-licensure. The motion carried unanimously.

Ratification of Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Schreppler, seconded by Mr. Hartley to accept the ratification of Apprentice Electrician applications of: Chante R. Parker, Joseph Daniel Berardi, Kevin Roy Bleam, Donnie Dean Ortega, Jr., Fred Henry Bischoff, Michael Adam Lukas, Brian Eldon, Wilson A. Gomez-Sime, Jason M. Dawson, Melissa M. Mangini, Justin David Kelley, Ronald Ray Degano, Brandon William Miller and Andrew Benson. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Schreppler, seconded by Mr. Travers to accept the ratification of Journeyperson Electrician applications of: Richard D. Gilmore, Jeovany Patricio Aldaz, Justin Palmer Spurrier and David G. Booth. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Schreppler, seconded by Mr. Travers to accept the ratification of Master Electrician applications of: Gerard Jack Reilly, Fred T. Williams, Donald Lee Greenwood, Irving Darnell Marshall, Darrell G. Pyle and Caleb Alexander Burns. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Schreppler, seconded by Mr. Travers to accept the ratification of Limited Electrician specialty (elevators) application of Michael Hollinshead. The motion carried unanimously.

Applications for Review - Deputy Attorney General

Under guidance from Mr. Maloney, a motion was made by Mr. Creedon, seconded by Mr. Schreppler to propose to deny the application of Jamison Gantt. The motion carried unanimously.

Complaints Status

01-11-14 - Attorney General

01-15-14 - Assigned

01-16-14 - Attorney General

01-17-14 - Assigned

01-20-14 - Attorney General

01-21-14 - Attorney General

01-27-14 - Attorney General

01-34-14 - Administrative Hearing Unit

01-01-15 - Attorney General

01-03-15 - Attorney General

01-04-15 - Investigative Unit

01-05-15 – Investigative Unit

01-06-15 - Investigative Unit

01-07-15 - Investigative Unit

01-08-15 - Investigative Unit

01-09-15 - Attorney General

01-10-15 - Investigative Unit

01-11-15 - Investigative Unit

01-12-15 – Investigative Unit

01-13-15 - Investigative Unit

01-14-15 - Investigative Unit

01-15-15 - Investigative Unit

01-16-15 - Investigative Unit

Continued Education

A motion was made by Mr. Schreppler, seconded by Mr. Creedon, to approve the requested continuing education courses as follows, the motion carried unanimously:

Schneider Electric

Electrical Safety in the Workplace – 8 hours

The Electrical Association of Philadelphia

NFPA 70E Update – 8 hours Selective Coordination – 8 hours

Review and Consideration of Consent Agreement(s) and Final Orders

The Board reviewed and discussed the amended consent agreement for Building Inspection Underwriters. This consent agreement was signed as a final order by all members of the Board.

The Board reviewed and signed the final orders for Bernard Pacana & Jacob Slawski.

Miscellaneous Review & Discussion

Election of Officers

A motion was made by Mr. Hartley, seconded by Mr. Creedon to nominate Mr. MacLennan as President. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, seconded by Mr. Hartley to nominate Mr. Creedon as Vice President. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Creedon, seconded by Mr. MacLennan to nominate Mr. Travers as the Education Officer. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Creedon, seconded by Mr. Travers to nominate Mr. Schreppler as the Secretary. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, seconded by Mr. Schreppler to nominate Mr. Hartley as the Compliant Officer. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Creedon, seconded by Mr. MacLennan to elect the officers to term as nominated. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Creedon read a letter from American Inspection Agency announcing an inspector passing his 2nd examination.

Mr. Creedon read a letter from Service Today discontinuing services for a client.

Mr. Creedon read a letter from First State Inspection Agency announcing they were discontinuing inspection services for a specific homeowners permit.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be held on September 2, 2015 at 08:30 Cannon Building 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware, Conference Room A, 2nd floor.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, seconded by Mr. Travers, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting went off record and adjourned at 1023.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Strauss

Administrative Specialist II